12. Meghalaya
13. Nagaland
14. Orissa
15. Punjab
16. Rajasthan
17. Tamil Nadu
18. Tripura
19. Uttar Pradesh
20. West Bengal
21. National Capital Territory of Delhi
22. Pondicherry

Residential schools/educational institutions for SCs and STs

596. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to encourage the residential schools and educational institutions for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, whether Government would share 50 per cent of the expenditure incurred in construction and maintenance of the schools as also share 50 per cent expenditure incurred on primary education for SCs and STs; and

(c) the decision of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Government encourages establishment of residential schools for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students. For setting up of such schools the following schemes are being implemented:—

1. Central Sector Scheme of Special Educational Development Programme for SC girls belonging to very low literacy levels.

2. Grant-in-aid to the Voluntary Organisations for the welfare of Scheduled Castes.
3. Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Area.
4. Grant-in-aid to the Voluntary Organisations for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes.
5. Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for development of ST girls in Tribal Areas.

(b) and (c) For construction of hostels for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes 50% Central assistance is released to the State Government under the following schemes:—

1. Scheduled Caste Boys' Hostels
2. Scheduled Caste Girls' Hostels
3. Scheduled Tribe Boys' Hostels
4. Scheduled Tribe Girls' Hostels

Under the Central Sector Scheme of Special Educational Development Programme for SC girls belonging to very low literacy levels and Scheme of Educational Complex in low literacy pockets for development of ST girls in Tribal Areas, 100% grant-in-aid is provided for running residential schools. NGOs are provided 90% grant-in-aid for running residential schools for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. For establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas 50% Central assistance is provided to the concerned State Government for construction purposes.

Stipends to meritorious poor students

597. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to support the meritorious students belonging to the poor families in the form of stipends;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any plan to sanction money for building hostels for such meritorious students; and